

FREDERICK R. COUDERT, a most prominent lawyer of New York, has written an excellent article in which he blames Great Britain for her bulldozing tactics in Nicaragua. "As the century closes, says Mr. Coudert, "I cannot help thinking that this coercion on the part of a powerful nation against a weak one, which might result in war, is worse than a blunder—it is a crime." Mr. Coudert is undoubtedly right and it is quite refreshing to see him quoted and held up as an authority in all the Republican papers in the United States. Less than two years ago Frederick R. Coudert wrote an excellent article in the *Forum* in which he condemned the actions of Stevens in Hawaii and read the Republicans a very severe lesson, insisting on the restoration to Hawaii of the Hawaiian's government. Coudert is consistent, but how about his present admirers? When the question of Hawaii and the United States was involved, the Republican press was unanimous in condemning Coudert and his views as rankly heretic. When it is a question of Great Britain and Nicaragua, Mr. Coudert becomes an eminent American lawyer, and an international counsellor of high repute. What is "sauce" for England and Nicaragua is evidently not "sauce" for Hawaii and the United States.

According to the *Advertiser*, Mr. Castle has inaugurated a series of vacations for the over-worked clerks of the Custom House, and regards the new departure as a well merited reward for faithful services rendered. If it would not put too great a strain upon these much over-worked young men, we would suggest that they put in a couple of days assisting the Collector General in getting out his annual report, which is now nearly six months overdue. Under the rotten "regime of the monarchy," it seldom occurred that the Collector's report was not given to the public within a few weeks of the close of the year; but under the reform methods of Mr. Castle there appears to be no necessity for any report. By all means give the boys a vacation, and let the public business be jammed.

CAPTAIN PALMER, the special correspondent of the *New York Post*, has left the country amidst a torrent of abuse from the officials and their morning organ. Many people have come to us and asked, "What did the Captain write that he should deserve so vile a treatment?" The INDEPENDENT can only ask the public to judge

for itself by presenting to it the letter written by Captain Palmer, and published in the *N. Y. Post*. We do not make any comment on the views and statements of the departed correspondent.

PICKINGS.

From The Executive Waste Basket.

An esteemed contemporary wondered the other day what the Executive Council was doing when it went into secret session. That cares of the most serious nature are weighing on our rulers when behind closed doors can be judged by the following scraps which were accidentally swept out and fell into the hands of the INDEPENDENT devil.

UNPUBLISHED OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

Honolulu, Nov. 25, 1893,
To SKOBELOFF,
Min. of Foreign Affairs,
St. Petersburg, Russia.

Thanks awfully for the "moral support" accorded by your Dutch representative here. Can you do anything more for us?

(Signed) DOLE.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 28, '93.
To DOLE,
Honolulu:

If you are depending upon that moral support you may fall down and hurt yourself. Send Glad back.

(Signed) SKOBELOFF.

A WAR SONG.

(Marked in margin: Send this to Berger and tell him to make music to it. J. H. F.)

I want to be a soldier,
And with the soldiers stand;
With a belt of loaded cartridges,
And a gun within my hand;
And forty dollars every month,
And four square meals a day.
If ever I should lose the job,
There would be hell—I to pay.
But if there should be fighting,
It would simply be immense,
To see the reluctant way,
I'd jump that iron fence,
And don't you forget it!

PENCIL MARKS.

(Looks like the handwriting of L. A. T.)

So "W. O." declares with many
aqualm and kick,
Of "annexation" he is sick.
To comprehend it, wisdom's un-
availing,
The dog so hearty, and the vomit
ailing.

(In the handwriting of W. O.)

The parsons now read the pray-
ers "for those at sea" with spe-
cial emphasis. It is supposed they
are referring to the "Annex-
ationists."

AN OFFICIAL PRAYER.

(Marked: Send this to J. A. H.)

Now I lay me down to sleep,
I pray the Lord my place to keep.
If I'm removed before I wake,
Oh Lord, oh Lord, my heart will
break.

A COMPLAINT.

(Looks like the Official "Organ's" paw.)

Say, Jimmie, give me a hand-
ful of upper case I's. The Chief
Justice's essay has run my case
dry.

RESOLVED.

Prevalent journalistic distemp-
er (peculiar to the season)—
Rumetism.

Thanks.

The following invitation has been received by a representative of the INDEPENDENT, who deeply regrets not to be able to accept, while he expresses his thanks for the intended kindness and his administration for the neatly printed cards which appear in English and Japanese and are arranged after the pattern of a regular railroad card:

Viscount, Enomoto Takeaki,
Vice-President of the fourth Na-
tional Independent Exhibition,
Juntai and first class of the order of
the Rising Sun, has the honor to
present respects to Mr. N. N. and
to request his visits to the forth-com-
ing Exhibition which will be held
at Okazaki Cho, Kioto, from the 1st
of April to the 31st of July, 1895.
Kioto, Japan, March 1895.

On the back of the card ap-
pears the following directions:

I. The bearer may visit the Ex-
hibition at any time during its
continuance, no additional ticket
being required for his admis-
sion.

II. The bearer will have upon
arrival in Japan, the facility to
obtain a passport for travel in
the interior by applying at Tokio
to the Department of Foreign
Affairs, and of Kanagawa, Hiogo
or Nagasaki to the prefecture of-
fice respectively, provided the
card be presented, without as-
ual applying to the Legation or
Consulate.

III. The person not availing
himself of this invitation may
transfer the card to his relative or
friend, stating thereon the name
and occupation of the recipient.

CORRESPONDENCE

(We do not hold ourselves responsible for
the opinions or utterances of our corre-
spondents.)

MR. EDITOR:

One of the newspapers which
came to me by the last mail con-
tains the following: "James B.
Eustis, United States Ambassa-
dor to France, made the speech of
the evening at a dinner given by
Americans in London Friday
night. It was patriotic and Am-
erican to the core. He said,
among other things: 'Look at
our foreign policy, for instance.
Our government acts on a plane
of justice and dignity. We know
our power. We know that a
great nation couples with its
superior strength more moral
weight than can be thrown in the
scale for smaller nations. Yet
what do we see in America as
compared with Europe? We can
say that no weaker nation ever
suffered from aggression on the
part of the United States. Our
government metes out the same
justice to the strongest and weak-
est? This statement has an ex-
cess of assurance, as those of us
who have lived in Hawaii for the
past three years know only too
well. It may be said that Am-
bassador Eustis is not acquaint-
ed with Hawaiian affairs, and
this is the charitable conclusion.
Let us traverse the confident as-
sertion of the Ambassador: 'that
no weaker nation ever suffered
from aggression on the part of the
United States,' with the state-
ment of another American, who
spoke as a representative upon
the floor of the House of Repre-
sentatives at Washington. After
presenting the documents in the
Hawaiian case, he said: 'Now, Mr.
Speaker, it is evident that the
Queen' (Liliuokalani) 'did not
yield her authority to the so-call-

ed Provisional Government, 'but
to the superior force of the United
States of America,' whose Minis-
ter she claims, at the very time,
and he does not deny it, had said
that he would support the Pro-
visional Government. Impelled
to yield, she said, by force to
avoid collision, not with the
troops of the Provisional Govern-
ment, for they had not a single
soldier—but the troops of the
United States, who stood ready at
their guns only seventy six yards
away. She did not yield as a
finality, but only until such time
as the government of the United
States, upon a full and fair pre-
sentation of all the facts, could
undo the wrong our Minister had
perpetrated and reinstate her as
the 'Constitutional Sovereign of
Hawaii.' Here is an appeal from
the action of our Minister in de-
throning the Queen, directly to
our government—to Mr. Cleve-
land. She did not appeal to some
neutral power, but with confi-
dence in our fairness and honesty,
our integrity and national pride,
she leaves it to us to arbitrate—
a party to the wrong. The confi-
dence of the woman has not a
parallel in the world's history.
Mr. Cleveland could not but ac-
cept the unpleasant duty thus
thrust upon him, and when once
accepted he had the honor of the
nation in his keeping, and well
has he protected her fair name,
her policies and traditions."

The case is before you, dear
reader of the INDEPENDENT, and if
you have lived here for three
years, you know that the Wash-
ington witness spoke words of
truth and soberness.

PRO BONO.

No Shirking.

The amount realized in a collec-
tion not infrequently depends on
the individual who 'takes it up.'
This fact is well realized by a
good pastor who serves in a Colo-
rado mission. 'We keep him,'
writes Dean Hart, of Denver,
giving the pastor's name, 'on the
frontier. He is a rough diamond,
and has a knack with the miners.'

Not long ago this excellent
preacher went to a camp called
Rico, borrowed the dance hall
over the saloon for his services,
'rounded up the boys,' as he ex-
presses it, and filled the hall.

After the sermon came the col-
lection. This was a very impor-
tant feature. The preacher cast
his eyes over his audience, and
saw a certain 'hard case,' known
as Billy the Kid.

'Billy,' he said, 'take up the
collection.'

Very much honored, Billy took
his big sombrero hat, and with
an air of importance and dignity,
made his way around to the front,
and held out the hat toward a
spruce young miner on the fore-
most chair.

The young man dropped in a
quarter of a dollar. Billy looked
at the coin with one eye closed.
Then he looked at the young man
and put his own hand around
under his coat-tails to the place
where, in that part of the country,
revolvers are known to be carried.

'Look here, young feller,' said
Billy, gravely, 'take that back!
This here's a dollar show!'

Then, with his hat in one hand
and the other still on the revolver,
he moved around the hall, and
got as many dollars as there were
people—Youth's Companion.

Subscriptions for the INDEPEND-
ENT are dropping in every day.

If you want to know what is
doing on, take the INDEPENDENT.

FOREIGN NEWS.

UNITED STATES.

Secretary Gresham is again ill
and confined to his room.

The cruiser Atlanta is coaling at
Key West and about to sail for
Greytown, Nicaragua.

Senator Jones of Arkansas says
the next Democratic national
convention will be unequivocally
for free silver.

A Council for the Suppression
of the Saloon has been started at
San Jose, Cal.

INDIAN TROUBLE.

Puyallup Indians protested
strongly against the sale of lands
in their reservation, which was
began at Tacoma, Wash., on May 1.
These Indians are recognized by
a decision of the United States
Circuit Court as citizens, and
exercise all the rights as such,
with the single exception that
the land on their reservation is
held in trust for them by the
Government, the Indians only
being allowed to enter into a
lease of the lands for a period not
to exceed two years. When the
sale began one of the chiefs gave
warning that none of the purch-
asers would be allowed by the
Indians to take possession of the
lands.

HAZING IN CALIFORNIA.

G. W. Bollen of Murietta,
Cal., a divinity student at the
University of Southern California,
was subjected to brutal hazing.
In the course of initiating him into
an anti-Catholic society the stu-
dent burned the image of a woman
on his breast with nitrate of silver.
The process caused a festering
wound that the doctors fear will
develop into an ulcer. The per-
petrators were punished by a
suspension of one week, but the
Humane Society has taken the
matter up and will make an in-
vestigation.

STANFORD ESTATE SUIT.

Mr. Leland Stanford called
on Attorney General Olney in
New York, and expressed his de-
sire that the Government should
expedite its suit against her late
husband's estate. There will
soon become due to the Govern-
ment on bonds issued to the
Central Pacific Railroad about
\$60,000,000. Under the laws of
California each stockholder of
the corporation is individually
liable for his proportion of its
debts. The Stanford estate owns
about a quarter, or \$15,000,000,
of Central Pacific stock, hence its
liability to that amount.

COAL STRIKE FEARED.

The Ohio Miners' Association
is in session at Columbus. Work
is stopped in some of the mines
until a scale of wages is fixed.
The meeting is expected to fix a
rate for the whole bituminous
field. There is a strike on the
West Virginia coalfields along
the Norfolk and Western rail-
roads. Not a mine is in opera-
tion. A meeting of 15,000 miners
was held at Keystone. The
miners of Virginia are satisfied.
The cut of 20 per cent. in wages
was never contemplated by the
Virginia companies, and there are
few union men among the miners.
If, as is threatened, the West
Virginia men try to force the
Virginia miners to strike there
may be serious trouble. The
West Virginia miners are swarm-
ing into Virginia on every train,
and the situation is alarming.
Thirty thousand miners in Ohio
are waiting on the decision of the
convention, which will be of vital
concern also to 90,000 miners in
other States.

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